

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

17.(amended) A mobile communication system comprising:

a plurality of base stations forming respective radio zones that overlap each other;

a mobile station transportable between said radio zones; wherein

each of said plurality of base stations having:

announcing means for sending announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations to the mobile station located in one of said radio zones, and

said mobile station having:

a control means for selecting [the] a base station [in] ~~from among~~ said plurality of base stations, to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on the order of priority of ~~said plurality of~~ [the] base stations included in the announcement information transmitted from said plurality of base stations, [said selected base station providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level] ~~rather than based on an order of respective received electric field intensities provided by the plurality of base stations and being equal to or greater than a predetermined received electric field intensity.~~

26.(amended) A mobile station for use in a mobile communication system, comprising:

control means for selecting a base station from among a plurality of base stations, to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on an order of priority of said plurality of base stations included in announcement information from said plurality of base

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stations, [said selected base stations providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level] rather than based on an order of respective received electric field intensities provided by the plurality of base stations and being equal to or greater than a predetermined received electric field intensity.

33.(amended) A base station forming a radio zone that overlaps radio zones formed by other base stations of a plurality of base stations in a mobile communication system; comprising:  
announcing means for sending announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations constituting the mobile communication system to a mobile station located in one of the radio zones, a sending base station being selected by a mobile station [in accordance with said order of priority when an electric field intensity from said base station to said mobile station at least equals a predetermined level] from among the plurality of base stations, to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on the order of priority of the plurality of base stations included in the announcement information, rather than based on an order of respective received electric field intensities provided by the plurality of base stations and being equal to or greater than a predetermined received electric field intensity.

36.(amended) A mobile station for use in a mobile communication system including a plurality of base stations which respectively transmit announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations, said mobile station comprising:

control means for selecting a base station from among the plurality of base stations, to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on said order of priority

of said plurality of base stations included in said announcement information from said plurality of base stations, [said selected base stations providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level] rather than based on an order of respective received electric field intensities provided by the plurality of base stations and being equal to or greater than a predetermined received electric field intensity.

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